

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT

(Not for submission under 37 CFR 1.99)

Application Number	10/616,916
Confirmation Number	2409
Filing Date	July 11, 2003
First Named Inventor	Yutaka TOSAKI
Art Unit	1713
Examiner Name	Kelechi Chidi EGWIM
Attorney Docket Number	Q76524

U.S. PATENTS

Examiner Initials*	Cite No	Patent Number	Kind Code ¹	Issue Date	Name of Patentee or Applicant of cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
	1.	6, 001, 913	A	1999-12-14	Thames et al.	
	2.	4, 694, 056		1987-09-15	Lenney, William E.	
	3.	4, 659, 771		1987-04-21	Craig, Daniel H.	
	4.	4, 056, 497		1977-11-01	Reinecke et al.	
	5.	5,834,538	A	1998-11-10	deHullu et al.	
	6.	4,725,639		1988-02-16	Lenney, William E.	
	7.	4,128,518		1978-12-05	Oyamada et al.	
	8.	4, 076, 661		1978-02-28	Kassner, Karl-Heinz	
	9.	4, 033, 918		1977-07-05	Hauber, Rudiger	
	10.	5, 350, 631	A	1994-09-27	Tseng et al.	
	11.	5, 952, 000	A	1999-09-14	Venkateshwaran et al	
	12.	5, 338, 814		1994-08	Wu et al.	

U.S. PATENT APPLICATION PUBLICATIONS

Examiner Initials*	Cite No	Publication Number	Kind Code ¹	Publication Date	Name of Patentee or Applicant of cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
	1.					

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials*	Cite No	Foreign Document Number ³	Country Code ²	Kind Code ⁴	Publication Date	Name of Patentee or Applicant of cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	T ⁵
	1.	08245706	JP	A	1996-09	KASAI et al		Yes
	2.	10158620	JP	A	1998-06	IMOTO, JIRO		Yes

NON-PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials*	Cite No	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city, and/or country where published.	T ⁵
	1.	Translation for JP 0824576 (09-1996)	
	2.	Translation for JP 10158620 (06-1998)	

EXAMINER SIGNATURE

Examiner Signature	Date Considered
--------------------	-----------------

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through a citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

1 See Kind Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.USPTO.GOV or MPEP 901.04. 2 Enter office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3).

3 For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. 4 Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST.16 if possible. 5 Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language translation is attached.